

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
  
KO et al.  
  
Application No: 09/895,566  
  
Filed: June 29, 2001  
  
For: SELF-ALIGNED CONTACT PROCESS  
IMPLEMENTING BIAS COMPENSATION ETCH  
ENDPOINT DETECTION AND METHODS FOR  
IMPLEMENTING THE SAME

) Docket No: LAM2P258  
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) Examiner: Vinh, L.  
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) Group Art Unit: 1765  
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) Date: January 12, 2004  
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
  - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment (11 pages)
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.
- b. ☐ Other

### 3. Fees

- a. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

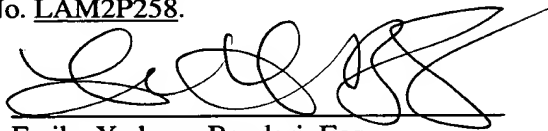
ENTITY	Claims Remaining After <u>Amendment</u>	Highest Previously <u>Paid For</u>	Present <u>Extra</u>	SMALL ENTITY <u>RATE FEE</u>	OR	LARGE <u>RATE FEE</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	<u>19</u> -	<u>20</u>	<u>00</u>	X09 = \$	OR	X18 = \$
INDEP CLAIMS	<u>04</u> -	<u>04</u>	<u>00</u>	X43 = \$	OR	X86 = \$
[ ] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid				\$145		\$290
TOTAL				\$_____		\$_____

- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$880.00 is enclosed for:

- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e);  
 ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17); and  
 iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

- c. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. LAM2P258.

Date: January 12, 2004

  
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